

B & B METAL PLATING

Rushville, Rush County, IN
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Site Location and Description

This is an approximately 0.5 acre site located at 203 North Washington Street in mixed commercial and residential area.

Zip Code: 46173

Site Uses and Past Activities

This site was originally a lumber yard dating back to the 1940's. From 1970 to 1983, the site was leased to a furniture manufacturer, the Indiana Secretary of State's License Branch, and later, to an auction company. B & B Metal Plating operations began at the site in 1988. All operations were abandoned around 1991. Taxes on the site have not been paid for several years.

Contaminants and Impacts

A Brownfields Environmental Assessment was conducted. Soil samples taken for the assessment indicated that levels of lead were at or above IDEM Voluntary Remediation Program's Tier II non-residential cleanup criteria. Based on this, IDEM performed a soil removal action to remove soil from the areas that contained high levels of lead. Surface water and groundwater were not considered to be threatened by the site.

Lead Agency

IDEM

Community Concerns

None specified.

Actions Taken

A Brownfields Environmental Assessment was completed by IDEM in January 1997. IDEM issued a Comfort Letter in June 1999 for this site. The letter addressed liability issues and should assist the City of Rushville with securing a bank loan to redevelop the site.



Current Status

The assessment concluded that future land use should be restricted to non-residential due to soil contamination. Based on the building condition and the contamination on the floor, IDEM suggested that the building be taken down and the debris disposed of properly. Further study and possible remediation of the soil should be performed before any future excavation or construction work is done at this site.

Future Actions

IDEM does not plan to take any further action at the property unless and until the conditions at the property should change or IDEM later discovers the reports were inaccurate concerning the potential contamination at the property. The City of Rushville and other stakeholders should proceed with redevelopment.

Cost Estimates

IDEM Brownfields Environmental Assessments are paid for out of a grant from the US EPA at no cost to the recipient.

Comfort Letters are provided at no cost to the recipient.

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